

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9572

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC YS

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF AMCIT EDWARD FRANKLIN

REF: A) KUWAIT 1756; B) KUWAIT 1901

1. REFTEL REPORTED ARTICLE IN DAILY NEWS CLEARLY AIMED AT SHOWING FRANKLIN REALLY WAS US SPY IN ADEN.

2. DAILY NEWS HAS LONG HISTORY OF ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES AND OFTEN SLANTS ANY NEWS ITEMS IN THAT DIRECTION, ADDING UNHELPFUL COMMENTS WHERE POSSIBLE. PDRY DELEGATION PRESENTLY IN KUWAIT AND IT IS POSSIBLE STORY MAY HAVE ORIGINATED WITH THEM.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONVINCED STORY IS GROSSLY UNFAIR TO FRANKLIN, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FACTS TO ATTEMPT POINT-BY-POINT REFUTATION AND, IN ANY CASE, DO NOT PROPOSE ATTEMPT PRESS DENIAL. DENIALS HERE ONLY SERVE KEEP ALIVE AND PERMIT PAPER TO REITERATE ITS UNHELPFUL POINT OF VIEW.  
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